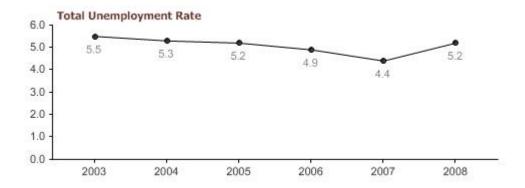
Benton County, IN Highlights

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

| Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2008 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Number | Pct. Chg. from 2000 | | | | |
| Labor Force | 4,408 | -9.2% | | | | |
| Employed | 4,178 | -11.5% | | | | |
| Unemployed | 230 | 71.6% | | | | |
| Rate | 5.2 | 85.7% | | | | |



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

| Labor Force Estimates | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|--------|--------------|---------------|--|
| | Labor Force | Emp. | Unemp. | Area Rate | State Rate | |
| 1998 | 5,072 | 4,914 | 158 | 3.1 | 2.9 | |
| 1999 | 5,487 | 5,325 | 162 | 3.0 | 2.9 | |
| 2000 | 4,857 | 4,723 | 134 | 2.8 | 2.9 | |
| 2001 | 4,844 | 4,679 | 165 | 3.4 | 4.2 | |
| 2002 | 4,893 | 4,647 | 246 | 5.0 | 5.2 | |
| 2003 | 4,668 | 4,413 | 255 | 5.5 | 5.3 | |
| 2004 | 4,603 | 4,359 | 244 | 5.3 | 5.3 | |
| 2005 | 4,591 | 4,354 | 237 | 5.2 | 5.4 | |
| 2006 | 4,612 | 4,387 | 225 | 4.9 | 5.0 | |
| 2007 | 4,355 | 4,164 | 191 | 4.4 | 4.6 | |
| 2008 | 4,408 | 4,178 | 230 | 5.2 | 5.9 | |

